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SUBJECT: PL 480 TITLE II SECTION 204 GRANT TO CARE

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1. REF AIRGRAM FORWARDED PROPOSED SECTION 204 GRANT OF 52,005 DINARS TO CARE FOR WELL CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECT INVOLVING PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN GOVERNORATES OF SFAX, AND CONVEYED USAID REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROJECT.

2. BOTH EMBASSY AND PEACE CORPS, AS WELL AS USAID, STRONGLY SUPPORT SUBJECT PROJECT. WE BELIEVE PROJECT SUPPORTS BENEFICIAL ACTIVITY THAT GOES RIGHT TO GRASS

ROOTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDES DIRECT BENEFITS TO POORER ELEMENTS OF RURAL POPULATION. SIMILAR PROJECT IN LE KEF GOVERNORATE LAST YEAR TO BUILD OR REFURBISH 240 WELLS AND PROVIDE NEEDED WATER SOURCES TO POPULATION PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL. PROJECT APPEARS IDEAL EXAMPLE OF TYPE OF ACTIVITY ENVISAGED UNDER SECTION 204 OF TITLE II PL 480.

3. AS INDICATED REPAIR, GOT HAS INFORMED US OF ITS APPROVAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS COUNTING ON PROJECT TO AID ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE EVIDENCE OF INTESTINAL PARASITES AND WATER-BORNE
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DISEASES. INDEED, MINISTRY IS PRESS CARE TO CONCLUDE

FORMAL AGREEMENT WHICH CARE CANNOT DO UNTIL FINANCING ASSUREDGM FURTHERMORE, SFAX WELLS PROGRAM IS INCLUDED IN 1974 RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DESIGNED TO IMPROVE LOT OF FARMERS AND, HENCE, SLOW DOWN EXODUS TO CITIES. UP-AND-COMING GOVERNOR OF SFAX, RACHID BADRI, HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS PROJECT IN HIS GOVERNORATE AND HAS TAKEN PERSONAL INTEREST IN IT AND BENEFITS IT WILL PROVIDE TO SFAX REGION.

4. FOR ALL THESE REASONS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT PROJECT BE APPROVED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME AND THAT NECESSARY FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM USAOWNED EXNESS CURRENCY DEPOSITS TO PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION. WE CONVINCED THAT GOT WOULD BE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED IF PROJECT FALLS BY WAYSIDE.

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